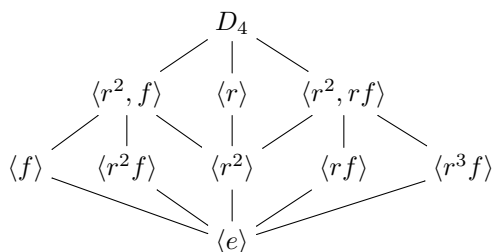


1. (a) Let $n > 1$. Let A_n and B_n denote the set of even permutations and the set of odd permutations, respectively. Define a map $f : A_n \rightarrow B_n$ by $f(\pi) = (1\ 2)\pi$ for all $\pi \in A_n$.
Prove that this map is injective and surjective.
- (b) Let H be a subgroup of a group G , and let $x \in G$. Define a bijective map f from H to xH .
- (c) Show that this map is surjective.
- (d) Suppose G is a non-abelian group of order 1000 and H is a subgroup of order 20. Let x be an element of G which is not in H .
 - (i) How many elements are in the left coset xH ?
 - (ii) How many elements are in the right coset Hx ?
 - (iii) How many left cosets of H are there?
2. (a) I listed all subgroups of D_4 (in a subgroup lattice) below. Label each edge between $K \leq H$ with the index $[H : K]$.



- (b) Is $f\langle r \rangle = \langle r \rangle f$? What about other left and right cosets of $\langle r \rangle$? Prove your answer.
- (c) Is the left coset $r^3 f \langle r^2, f \rangle$ equal to the right coset $\langle r^2, f \rangle r^3 f$?
3. (a) If H is a subgroup of G and $a \in G$, then a left coset aH is ... [give the definition]
- (b) The *index* $[G : H]$ of a subgroup $H \leq G$ is [give a definition, not a theorem!] ...

Theorem 1. Let H be a subgroup of G . Then the following are all equivalent.

- (i) The subgroup H is called *normal* in G , that is, $gH = Hg$ for all $g \in G$; (“left cosets are right cosets”);
- (ii) $ghg^{-1} \in H$ for all $h \in H, g \in G$; (“closed under conjugation”).
- (iii) $gHg^{-1} = H$ for all $g \in G$; (“only one conjugate subgroup”)

4. (a) Consider the subgroup $H = \{(1), (1\ 2)\}$ of S_3 . Is H normal?
- (b) Consider the subgroup $J = \{(1), (123), (132)\}$ of S_3 . Is J normal?
- (c) Consider the subgroup $H = \langle (1234) \rangle$ of S_4 . Is H normal?
- (d) Let $n > 2$. Is A_n a normal subgroup of S_n ?
- (e) Consider a mystery subgroup K of $\mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_8$. Is K normal?
5. Let H be a subgroup of G . Given two fixed elements $a, b \in G$, define the sets

$$aHbH := \{ah_1bh_2 : h_1, h_2 \in H\} \quad \text{and} \quad abH := \{abh : h \in H\}.$$

- (a) Prove that if H is normal then $aHbH \subset abH$.
- (b) Prove that the statement is false if we remove the “normal” assumption. That is, give a specific G and H and $a, b \in G$ such that $aHbH$ is not a subset of abH .
- (c) In class, we proved that multiplication of cosets of N is well-defined if N is a normal subgroup.
Give an example where “multiplication” of cosets is not well-defined. That is, give a group G and a subgroup H where $a_1H = a_2H$ and $b_1H = b_2H$ but $a_1b_1H \neq a_2b_2H$.

6. (a) Given two groups A and B , what is the definition of the set $A \times B$? What is the binary operation on $A \times B$?
- (b) What is the identity element of $A \times B$?
- (c) If $(a, b) \in A \times B$, what is the inverse $(a, b)^{-1}$ equal to?
- (d) Assume that neither of A and B is the trivial group. Prove that these four subgroups are normal in $A \times B$:

$$\{e_A\} \times \{e_B\}, \quad A \times \{e_B\}, \quad \{e_A\} \times B, \quad A \times B$$

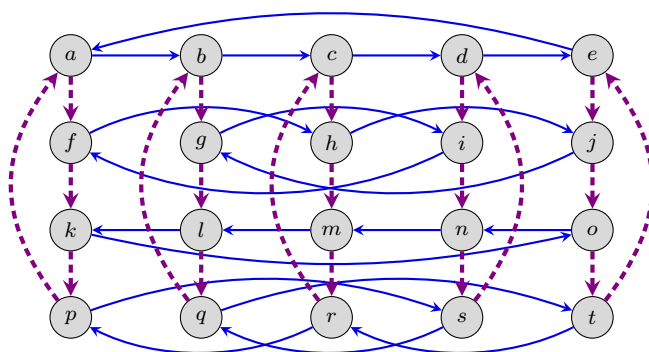
7. (a) True or false? The order of the group D_n is the same as the order of the group $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_n$.
- (b) True or false? The group D_n is isomorphic to the group $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_n$.
- (c) True or false? The group \mathbb{Z}_{14} is isomorphic to the group $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_7$.
- (d) True or false? The group \mathbb{Z}_{16} is isomorphic to the group $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$.
- (e) Which direct product is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{12} ?
8. Let H be a subgroup of G .
- (a) What does the notation G/H mean?
- (b) When is G/H a group?
- (c) If G/N is a quotient group, what is the binary operation of the quotient group G/N ?
- (d) Consider the symmetric group S_3 and a subgroup $H := \langle (1\ 2) \rangle$. Is the set $S_3/\langle (1\ 2) \rangle$ a quotient group? Prove your answer. If it is a quotient group, what is it isomorphic to?
- (e) Consider the symmetric group S_3 and a subgroup $J := \langle (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle$. Is S_3/J a quotient group? Prove your answer. If it is a quotient group, what is it isomorphic to?
9. The following are all normal subgroups of D_4 :
- (a) The trivial subgroup $\{e\}$,
- (b) the only normal subgroup of order 2, $\langle r^2 \rangle$,
- (c) all the subgroups of order 4: $\langle r \rangle$, $\langle r^2, f \rangle$, $\langle r^2, rf \rangle$, and
- (d) D_4 itself.

For each N above, what familiar group is D_4/N isomorphic to?

10. Let H be a subgroup of G , and consider the subset of G denoted by

$$\text{Nor}_G(H) = \{g \in G : gH = Hg\} = \{g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H\}.$$

- (a) Prove that $\text{Nor}_G(H)$ is a subgroup.
- (b) What is the smallest that $\text{Nor}_G(H)$ can be? What is the largest $\text{Nor}_G(H)$ can be?
- (c) When does the latter happens?
11. Let G be the group whose Cayley diagram is shown below, and suppose e is the identity element. Consider the subgroups $A = \langle a \rangle = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $J = \langle j \rangle = \{e, j, o, t\}$.



Carry out the following steps for both of the subgroups A and J . List the cosets element-wise.

- Write G as a disjoint union of the left cosets of A . Write G as a disjoint union of the left cosets of J .
- Write G as a disjoint union of the right cosets of A . Write G as a disjoint union of the right cosets of J .
- Use your coset computation to immediately compute the normalizer of the subgroup. Based on the computation for the normalizer, what can you say about this subgroup?
- Is G/A a group? If so, perform the quotient process and draw the resulting Cayley diagram for G/A .
- Is G/J a group? If so, perform the quotient process and draw the resulting Cayley diagram for G/J .

12. The *center* of a group G is the set

$$Z(G) = \{z \in G \mid gz = zg, \text{ for all } g \in G\} = \{z \in G \mid gzg^{-1} = z, \text{ for all } g \in G\}.$$

It is a subgroup of G .

- Prove that $Z(G)$ is normal in G by showing $ghg^{-1} \in H$ for all $h \in H, g \in G$ (“closed under conjugation”).
- Compute the center of \mathbb{Z}_6 . Compute the center of S_2 .
- Compute the center of D_4 .
- Compute the center of D_5 .
- Consider the group A_3 of even permutations. Compute the center of A_3 .
- Consider the group A_n of even permutations, where $n \geq 4$. Prove that $(1\ 2\ 3)$ is not in the center of A_n by producing another even permutation which does not commute with $(1\ 2\ 3)$.
- Let $n \geq 4$. Prove that $(1\ 2)(3\ 4)$ is not in the center of A_n .
- First, convince yourself that a non-identity permutation in S_4 is an even permutation if and only if its cycle notation is of the form $(ab)(cd)$ or (abc) .
Compute the center of A_4 Hint: Do $(ab)(cd)$ and (abc) commute?
- Compute the center of S_4 .
Hint: Every non-identity permutation in S_4 can be written in the form (ab) , (abc) , $(abcd)$, and $(ab)(cd)$. Can you find a permutation that does not commute with (ab) ? With $(abcd)$?
- Prove that “the center of a direct product is the direct product of the centers”, that is, $Z(A \times B) = Z(A) \times Z(B)$.

13. Notation/Definition: Let G be a group and $x \in G$.

- The *conjugacy* class of x is the set $\text{cl}_G(x) := \{gxg^{-1} \mid g \in G\}$.
- Let $Z(G)$ be the set $\{z \in G \mid gz = zg \text{ for all } g \in G\}$.

Suppose N is a normal subgroup of G . Prove that if $x \in N$, then $\text{cl}_G(x) \subset N$.

14. You can use the following fact.

Proposition 1. For any $\sigma \in S_n$, we have $\sigma(a_1\ a_2\ \dots\ a_k)\sigma^{-1} = (\sigma(a_1)\ \sigma(a_2)\ \dots\ \sigma(a_k))$.

- Let x be a k -cycle. Prove that $y \in S_n$ is conjugate to x iff y is a k -cycle.
- Prove that (12) and (14) in S_6 are conjugate by finding a permutation $p \in S_6$ such that $p^{-1}(12)p = (14)$.
- List all permutations in S_4 which are conjugate to (1234) . Use the fact from part (a).